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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES:

Senator Saltonstall advised me that he had appeared before the Rules Committee of the Senate on Wednesday, 25 January, in opposition to the voting out of the Mansfield Resolution with regard to the Watch-dog Committee. He said that it was obvious that the majority of the Committee was in favor of the adoption of the Resolution and he was not able to accomplish much but at least it had given him a chance to get in a few remarks.

He said that Jenner had asked several questions: First, whether the CIA carried out any political operations -- to which he answered "yes" -- and second, why our personnel were not cleared by the FBI. He replied that he understood the Americans were so cleared. I told Senator Saltonstall that this was not quite correct as we had our own security office and our own clearance system. However, of course, we took advantage of any data the FBI might have before we gave any clearance and we turned over to the FBI any cases which indicated Communist affiliation, penetration, and the like.

Senator Saltonstall also said that Jenner attacked the CIA as working against the interests of our Country.

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